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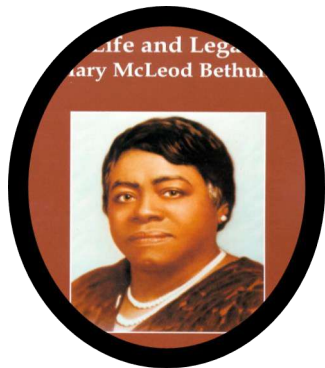
Celebrating Black History

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“The whole world opened to me when I learned to read.”



Mary McLeod Bethune

Attention Parents!

Parents, please ask your students about the Frank L. Stanton 3rd-5th Grade weekly Lexile score challenge...Do you know your child's Lexile score? The Lexile® Framework for Reading is an approach to reading and text measurement. There are two Lexile® measures: the **Lexile reader measure** and the **Lexile text measure**. A Lexile reader measure represents a person's ability on the Lexile scale. A Lexile text measure represents a text's level on the Lexile scale. When used together, they can help a reader choose a book or other reading material that is at an appropriate level.

The Lexile reader measure can also be used as a Lexile text measure, like a Lexile reader measure, is reported on the same Lexile scale, from a low of BR (beginning reader) to a high of 2000L. The lower a book's Lexile measure, the easier it will be to comprehend. For example, a text with a Lexile measure or 850L will most likely be easier for a reader to comprehend than a text at 950L.

Parents, please review the books for your child's Lexile score for content and encourage him or her to read every day!

Grade	Lexile Range
1	Up to 400L
2	140L to 500L
3	330L to 700L
4	445L to 850L
5	565L to 1050L
6	665L to 1050L
7	735L to 1075L
8	805 to 1100L
9	855L to 1165
10	905L to 1200L
11 & 12	940L to 1300L

Phyllis E. Earls

Black History Month

Black History Month, also known as **African-American History Month** in America, is an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the [African diaspora](#). It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, and the United Kingdom in October.



Pre-K News

Greetings Pre-Kindergarten parents and students! We have been busy teaching and learning.

We have sent home resources that will help you assist your child with learning while at home. Please continue to work with your child on the following:

- Alphabet Recognition
- Recognizing Numerals 0-10
- Counting from 1-20
- Practice writing Full Name
- Practice Rhyming words
- Recognizing Basic shapes



We are busy working on letter sounds and beginning sound awareness. We are currently in our "Earth and Sky Unit." We enjoyed our field trip to the Children's Museum!

- Please continue to check your child's backpack for important information that needs to be signed and sent back to school
- Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes inside his/her backpack
- Please continue to provide your child a blanket for nap time

If you need any additional resources, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for all your help and support!

Pre-K Team,

Ms. Antoinette Matthews and Ms. KahTonya Clemons



Kindergarten News

Parents, our team continues to work hard with your students to ensure that learning is at its peak! Please note that special testing is underway as we speak and BENCHMARK testing will take place in April. Our team needs a favor from YOU! Scan the list below and nightly, assist your kids with these specific skills! Preparing for FIRST GRADE takes a cooperative effort and WE NEED YOU! Thanks in advance!

Be sure your child can do the following:

- State their full name, address and telephone number
- Recognize all upper and lower case letters of the alphabet
- Recognize all numbers 0-50 and beyond!
- Recognize basic sight words (teachers have sent home words on homework calendars)
- Recognize family words (-at, -ad, -am, -ot, -op, etc.)
- Writing full sentences using basic words and correct punctuation.
- Creating basic addition and subtraction facts



The Kindergarten Team,

**Ms. Sheri Alsobrook, Mrs. Robbie Ellison, Ms. Kimberley Harper,
Mrs. Niquishia Thomas, and Mr. Derrick Johnson**

First Grade News

Dear First Grade Family,

The First Graders are really in love with learning! The month of February is a really busy month.

In Reading/ELA, we have been working on skills such as making inferences, comparing and contrasting stories and characters within those stories and finding the main idea of a story. During a story, have your child infer what will happen next using story clues before they continue reading. After reading a story, have your child retell the important events in the story from beginning to end.

In Math, we are beginning our unit on place value in order to add two digit numbers. Have your child to show their thinking using place value models (Tens and ones).

In Science, we will be studying weather and seasons. Ask your child how different seasons affect the way that their dress and their daily life

In Social Studies, we have been about inventors and historical figures. We will continue our learning of historical figures with Harriet Tubman.

Practice at home

Check out our classroom webpages. You can practice at home with vocabulary words and letter sounds to enhance their reading skills.

www.symbaloo.com/mix/firstgrade294

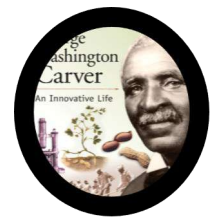
Remember to sign and return your child's data folder weekly.

Please help your student come to school every day to learn, with completed homework, the necessary supplies (sharpened pencils, crayons, etc.), and a backpack.

Thanks for your continued support!

The First Grade Team,

Ms. Raavin Evans, Ms. Tranell Galloway, and Mrs. Latasha Simmons



Second Grade News

Greetings from the Sensational Second Grade Team!

Can you believe it's already February? Time has definitely flown by, and there are only a few more months left of school, which means a small window of time to get your students prepared for the third grade. So, we have some work to do!

In Math, we are focusing on adding and subtracting two digit numbers, we want our students to become fluent with addition and subtraction! In reading, we are focusing on poetry, rhyme and alliteration. We will be starting the planning process for the community food garden that our grade level will be spearheading, so parents and guardians, if you are interested in being a part of our school "Green Team" please let Ms. Danielle Jefferson know.

Thank you for all that you do.

The Second Grade Team,

Ms. Brittney Farmer, Ms. Danielle Jefferson, and Mrs. Colette Wright



Third Grade News

Hello Third Grade Families:

In February, we are beginning new units in Social Studies, Science, and Math. Please ask your student about the new concepts they are learning. We are encouraging students to log on to the following websites: IXL, Xtra Math, and Moby Max. Usage of these websites should occur daily, especially on weekends and student holidays.

The Georgia Milestones Assessment is set for **April**. Almost half of the Georgia Milestones Assessment will consist of constructed response questions - specifically in the areas of ELA and Math. Students have been taught to use the R.A.C.E. strategy when answering constructed response questions, and the CUBE method when solving math problems. Students are familiar with these acronyms and strategies. Please discuss with your child what each acronym means.

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Please continue to:

- Make sure your child has a quiet, designated space to complete homework
- Provide a time limit so that they understand the importance of staying on task
- Insist that they defend their answers and explain their thinking especially in ELA and Math
- Encourage them to read daily to increase fluency and ask questions to enhance comprehension



Third Grade Team,

Ms. Ashley Ginn and Mrs. Chelsea Mitchell



Fourth Grade News

Greetings Fourth Grade Family:

This month the fourth graders are studying fractions and decimals. We are also practicing multiplication and division facts daily. We are encouraging parents to work with your child using basic drills at home. Helpful websites include www.ixl.com and www.multiplication.com. Please practice with your children and quiz them on these facts. They are very important to their mathematical success.

In science, we are learning about the Solar System. We are discussing the Westward Expansion in social studies. Reading and language arts will cover various stories and skills such as making inferences, main idea, summarizing, writing, and comprehension strategies. We are encouraging students and parents to read together daily.

Fourth Grade Team,

Ms. LaToya Mallory and Ms. Jessica Tucker



Fifth Grade News

As we move into February and the start of the third quarter, we look forward to a fantastic month of new and exciting units to learn about in school. Parents, one of our goals is to create an environment where students can learn without interruption. We are finding that our students are invested in finding joy, enthusiasm, and playfulness during our instructional blocks. We are asking your support by reminding our "**Fabulous Fifth**" graders why you send them to school. We are more than sure that our partnership will help us maintain environments that are just that: *places where children can learn without interruption*. Finally, please look forward to our fifth grade parent night when we will discuss the specifics of our upcoming Georgia Milestone Assessment. **Fabulous Fifth Grade Team,**

**Mr. Jamie Manning, Mrs. Kathy Manuel-Edwards, Mr. Wayne Ricks,
Mrs. Denise Wilson, and Ms. Britavis Parker**



**** Spelling Bee Representatives ****

1st Place Aaron Parks — Ms. Tucker - Fourth Grade

2nd Place Muhammadou Balde — Mrs. Manuel Edwards - 5th Grade

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

Our students learn important facts about fruits and vegetables every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.



Important Dates to Remember in February



February 2016



First Semester Awards Day	Feb. 4th	9:00 am Pre-K-2 10:00 am 3-5
Winter Break	Feb. 12th-16th	(School is closed) Students Return on February 17th
Valentine's Day	Feb. 14th	
Black History Celebration	Feb. 25th	9:00 am
Read Across America	Feb. 27th	11:00 am — 2:00 pm West End Mall

